

Press Release



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The American Experience of War Featured in Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition at the Stauth Memorial Museum

The American military in the 21st century is diverse and reflects the complexities of the country and the current times. “100 Faces of War,” a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian, presents the stories of those who served the U.S. in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. The exhibition will be on view at the Stauth Memorial Museum from April 2, 2019 to June 22, 2019.

“100 Faces of War,” organized in collaboration with artist Matt Mitchell, features 100 oil portraits of Americans representing a cross-section of home states, military branches, jobs and backgrounds. Each painting includes a candid, unedited, firsthand account of war. The statements take many different forms, including emails and letters to loved ones and poems and words written specifically for this exhibition. The portraits symbolize 100 different and highly personal ways of looking at valor, sacrifice and the human experience of war.

From 2005 to 2014, Mitchell, who did not have any connection to the military, felt compelled to connect with veterans in a meaningful way when he read an article in a local newspaper about an Iraq veteran coming home. He started painting the portraits of those who served and collecting their personal statements. Through this exhibition, visitors will come to know the veterans’ courage, fears, warmth and

humanity. More than 2 million Americans have served in the theaters of war in Iraq and Afghanistan from 2001 through 2014.

100 Faces of War is an exhibition organized for travel by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES).

SITES has been sharing the wealth of Smithsonian collections and research programs with millions of people outside Washington, D.C., for more than 65 years. SITES connects Americans to their shared cultural heritage through a wide range of exhibitions about art, science and history, which are shown wherever people live, work and play. For exhibition descriptions and tour schedules, visit sites.si.edu.

We are expecting many groups for this exhibit, so please call in advance to schedule groups of 5 or more. For more information contact (620)846-2527. Business hours for the Stauth Memorial Museum, 111 N Aztec, Montezuma, KS are: Tue - Sat 9-12, 1-4:30. Closed Sundays, Mondays & all major holidays. Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. Check out our WEBSITE for information about this and other exciting events at the Stauth Memorial Museum at www.stauthmemorialmuseum.org.



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